

The Fulton County News.

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OLD LANDMARK DISAPPEARS.

Building That Has Run the
Gamut of Business for
Over a Century.

Last week John Sheets commenced tearing down a building that has been a notable one for a number of years, not that it possessed architectural beauty to any marked degree, in fact, it was rather of the ugly duckling order; or was pretentious in any respect, but yet it managed to hold its own, like a good convenient harbor for the embarking of numerous enterprises. Its principal room has been occupied in its palmy days as a store room, a florist establishment, post office, printing office, coach shop, school room, band room and in recent years as a carriage shed.

One living to-day knew it as a new building. Some remember from a venerable one down to rural decay and final demolition. Quite a number of citizens of a past generation started in merchandising in the building question, the first of whom have any trace, although he had a number of predecessors in the same vocation, was Jack Duffield, as he was familiarly known at the time, an uncle of the late S. E. Duffield. This gentleman removed from the town and was followed by Hugh L. McGaw.

He presume Mr. McGaw's experience was somewhat similar to those of other merchants of that day, and nothing especially noteworthy occurred during his career. Our informant, however, mentioned a clerk named Dan Becker, who took great delight in assisting Mrs. Cook, the mother of Michael and Jacob Cook, several years deceased, in making bees, of which she had a considerable number. The Cook property adjoined, and when the bees swarmed, Daniel forgot his ritual duties, and with an everyday tin pan awoke the echoes of the vicinity, and partook more of a disposition for noisy fun than of a disposition for the old lady's bees.

When we will take occasion to help him on an idea that still retains its hold on many people, and that the noisier the demonstration made by beating a pan, "any old thing," when a swarm of bees start for other quarters quicker it will alight. The "tinging" of bees, as it was originally called, comes from an ancient custom in England, when a swarm of bees was followed by the owner, who gave notice to his neighbors by tapping on whatever piece of metal came to his hand, that the swarm was his property and he expected to recover their premises and take possession without hindrance, not as we hinted at before, the frantic gestures and ear-splitting sounds had any potency in hindering the bees from continuing their flight. But revenge was not moutons, as the French say. The successor of Mr. McGaw was Thomas Montgomery, who shortly after became the owner of Montgomery & Heighard, an in-law of that gentleman.

Montgomery kept store after manner of the famous gentleman who "kept tavern in York." With the two members of the family were generally engaged in a variety of words, and sometimes when not having an alternative, on with some customers. In Mr. Montgomery was the owner of all the town ways on account of his irascibility. We have heard, by an eye witness of a time in which he participated, that he was certainly ludicrous. A loving citizen, with apparent kindness of heart lent his assistance to Mr. Montgomery, to a barrel presumed to contain "moss," which after it had released the spigot, proved to be a barrel of molasses. The sequel of this was making his exit from the building followed by the enraged

ed merchant with a hatchet. The sheriff of Bedford county closed up the business of Messrs. Montgomery & Heighard. The genial whole-souled Capt. James Beckwith, made his first venture as a merchant here, and afterward became a hotel keeper, and more recently as the keeper of the Pennsylvania railroad hotel, at Latrobe, Pa. Captain Beckwith was a very popular man in all the walks of life, and went to his grave sincerely lamented by his host of friends.

John C. Fetter, Esq., in the days of a young and crude postal system, here stamped "10 cents due" and "25 cents due" on closely written, wafered letters, envelopes in those days not being in vogue, he being postmaster in connection with the tailoring business. The latter business did not interfere with his occupation to a great extent. We venture to say that the mail matter sent out from the McConnellsborg postoffice in one day at present would exceed that sent out under Mr. Fetter's administration during a whole year, although postoffices in the neighborhood are more numerous, and the population has not materially increased. Mr. Fetter was an uncle of the members of the Selsor family—William F. Selsor, of Mercersburg, and John, and sisters, of this place. He was an obliging official and would not allow a letter to remain long in his care if there was an opportunity for prompt delivery. He, with his family, moved to Fairfield, Iowa, in the latter part of the '40s, and he has long since been gathered to his fathers. The writer, just here, recalls another case of comparison in postal affairs favorable to the present. He has in his possession a letter of that time of only a few lines, from Peoria, Illinois, on which the postage was 50 cents. For this sum he could now mail a pair of boots across the continent, or to any of "Uncle Sam's" possessions.

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Since that time the leaning, weather-beaten, antiquated wreck has been devoted to every base use, and on its site Mr. Sheets purposes erecting a handsome residence. It has fulfilled its mission about as well as many more pretentious structures and we are almost sorry to see it disappear.

Dreyfus will fight for an honorable acquittal.

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DARLING SENTENCED.

Goes to State Prison for
Twenty Years.

His Counsel W. S. Angleman, Made a
Strong Plea For Mercy In His Behalf.

New Brunswick, Sept. 21—William Darling, who shot and killed Harry Dunham at New Market four years ago, pleaded non vult to the indictment of murder in the first degree at the court of Oyer and Terminer this morning and Justice Collins sentenced him to a term of twenty years in the State Prison.

The arraignment this morning was a surprise as it was generally understood that Prosecutor Voorhees was not yet ready and that the arraignment would not take place until Tuesday.

The plea was the result of an understanding between the Prosecutor and W. S. Angleman, of Plainfield, counsel for the defense.

The killing of Dunham took place August 20th, 1895. Darling was indicted for murder in the first degree shortly after the fatality took place. Darling was finally captured this summer at McConnellsborg, Fulton county, Pennsylvania, and has since been lodged in the Middlesex county jail in this city.

Darling was brought before Justice Collins this morning. He was apparently cool and self composed. He showed no signs of nervousness. After Lawyer Angleman had offered the plea of non vult, which had already been accepted by the prosecution, he made a strong appeal for mercy for his client. His speech was an excellent one.

During his remarks he introduced an affidavit by Edward Mitchell, a colored man who witnessed the murder. Mitchell declared that the quarrel started during a game of pool at Dantz's hotel, New Market. Dunham made an insulting remark about Darling's mother and there were several words passed. Then Mitchell said that Darling fired a shot over Dunham's head to intimidate him. Dunham started for Darling as if to come to close quarters and Darling shot again, the bullet striking Dunham in the head.

Prosecutor Voorhees made no reply to Lawyer Angleman's speech, and Justice Collins immediately sentenced Darling to a term of twenty years in State's prison. Darling showed no signs of agitation when the sentence was pronounced.

According to law, the prisoner will remain in the county jail forty-eight hours after he is sentenced to State Prison. Monday morning Darling will be taken to Trenton to serve his term. No attempt will be made to secure a slighter sentence.

MRS. BARBARA A DENISAR.

The subject of this notice died at her late home in Taylor township, Saturday evening September 23d. She was born in Dublin township, this county about 72 years ago. During the last thirty two years of her life, she was a consistent member of the Greenhill Presbyterian church. Of her immediate family five sons survive her, namely, David, near McConnellsborg; D. Scott, Burnt Cabins; Samuel, Wells Valley; Preston, Curwensville, and Howard, near Laidig. Her late husband Daniel Denisar, preceded her to the other world twenty-three years.

George Rexroth has established an agricultural exhibit at the Fulton House. He has samples of ears of corn from the farms of Leonard Hohman, W. H. Nelson, A. H. Wilson, Amos Saville, Frank B. Sipes, and invites other farmers that have fine specimens of corn to send them on and he will label them and place them with his collection for the inspection of his agricultural visitors and guests.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

AMARANTH.

School opened Monday with our former teacher, Walter Stein, of Emmaville.

J. T. Richards, after spending several weeks in New York and Niagara, returned to his home in this place recently.

S. E. McKee and family, J. C. Hixson, daughter Miss Amy and son Guy were among those that attended church Sunday evening.

James W. Kendall, of Big Cove, was calling on friends in this place last week.

George Mills and son Orra made a flying trip to Hancock last Saturday. Mrs. Catharine Decker, of Bethel, was to see her daughter, Mrs. John Crawford last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Eleanor McKibbin will spend this week visiting relatives and friends in McConnellsborg.

W. C. McKee, wife and daughter were called to Hancock on Friday last to see a sick aunt.

W. E. True, who has secured employment on railroad at Cumberland, Md., spent Sabbath with his family in this place.

John, William, Samuel, and James Diehl and families, of Friends' Cove, were callers at Amaranth recently.

Miss Bertha Rhea, Buck Valley, spent a few days last week with the family of W. C. McKee.

Rev. Simons preached at the Presbyterian church Sabbath evening.

Mrs. Frank Oakman and children, of Lashley, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Mills.

Anthony Lynch visited his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Schetrompf on Sunday.

Gilbert Dudley and Elmer Hendershot were seen in this place on Sabbath.

Mrs. Anna Sipes spent Thursday and Friday with her father, Robert Carson, who has been very sick this summer.

Mrs. James McKee, of Locust Grove, was an early Monday morning caller in this place.

Levi Crawford and family were the guests of J. D. Hendershot last Sunday.

Wm. Sigel and wife were recent callers at Amaranth.

Mrs. John Potter, who has been very sick all summer is rapidly improving.

NEW GRENADA.

Our people all know a good thing when they see it, hence FULTON COUNTY NEWS is pronounced O. K. in every particular.

James Stewart, one of Wells' sports, spends some of these moonlight nights in N. G. I wonder why? Remember the romance connected therewith, Jim.

Prof. B. C. Miller, of McConnellsborg, we learn, has secured a class to take lessons in vocal music. They will meet at the U. B. church. The professor seems to stand in with our people. Now, boys, start in and train your fog-horns.

Rev. W. H. Dressler preached at the Bethel church on Saturday night. On account of other meetings of more mirth the attendance was small.

Three of our raccoon hunters report the capture of two of the little animals on Friday night. But, O, my, how a great big one got away from them!

Misses Molly Dilling and Ella Rhodes, of Martinsburg, Pa., were visiting the Miss Cooks of this place.

Oscar Moore and wife, of Nebraska, are renewing acquaintances of former days in this community. They are on their way home from Philadelphia, where they attended the National Encampment.

W. A. Johnson, of Streator, Ill., who is visiting friends at Wells Tannery, and Miss Julia Edwards, one of Wells' successful school teachers spent Saturday evening at the home of F. G. Mills.

The African jubilee singers, of Everett, held a bush meeting on the Foster camp-ground on Sunday. They gave "dem white folks" a whole day's amusement for a very small sum. We learn they received about \$40 in cold cash.

We learn from a reliable source that the two New Grenada representatives who were accused by the Wells Tannery correspondent for killing time at Hopewell last week, were not there. Some one misinformed you, brother.

KNOBSVILLE.

Our farmers are getting pretty well through with their fall work. They complain that hands are scarce. The wheat that was sown early, looks nice.

There is still room for improvement in our public highways. Much work has been done, but much remains to be done. The heavy storms of the past summer have been very damaging to the roads.

School is prospering very nicely at No. 1. Taxes next.

We hope "The Fulton County News" will continue to grow and prosper. We do not want to miss any numbers.

WELLS TANNERY.

Mr. David Ritchey, of Six Mile Run, accompanied by J. H. Gracey, made a business trip to town.

William Lee Woodcock, of Altoona, as assignee attended the sale of L. Long & Co., on the 22d inst.

Mrs. Thomas Allen, of Chambersburg, is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner.

Our teachers report 148 scholars enrolled in this township the first week and more to come in soon.

Dr. William Sharer, of Delphi, Indiana, who has spent considerable time among his old friends, left for home this week feeling that it was good to have been here.

Mr. George W. Swope has purchased a beautiful grey horse. He now enjoys driving out, smoking nickel cigars, and running races. So far he has been successful.

V. D. Schenck has improved his residence by adding a new porch.

Quite a number of our people from Wells Tannery and vicinity attended the African M. E. Bush Meeting Sunday afternoon and night. It was held on the Valley camp meeting ground. They report collections, numerous.

Baumgardner & Co., purchased the entire outfit of L. Long & Co., at the assignee sale on Friday. It looks as though a deal of some kind is in the near future, which will benefit our little town. Let her go soon.

Some of the colored folks from Everett had the misfortune to have a horse die while attending bush meeting.

Mr. Editor, before closing this communication, we desire to compliment you on the production of your new paper, "The Fulton County News" is certainly an ideal country newspaper and one that the people of Fulton county may well feel proud of. The people who take it will have in addition to the advantage of a city weekly, the State, county, township, and village news; also the latest market reports, which, to our farmers, merchants, or anyone else who has produce to sell means a great deal.

We trust that it may be kept up to its present high standard; if so, it will be a great advantage to all who may read it, and will reap a splendid reward financially.

BURNT CABINS.

The melancholy days are come. The corn is nearly on in shocks. Cider making and apple cuttings now—next "husking bees" and the red ears of corn; then, oh then!

Uncle Jacob Miller allowed all other matters of less importance to go on Friday and betook himself to gathering shell banks.

Mrs. Lewis Dubbs, of Kansas, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. C. Kelly. She will return westward this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Cline, of Eldorado, Kansas, is visiting his mother and brothers in this place. Mr. Cline formerly taught in the public schools here.

Mud-Level school closed two days this week on account of the small pox alarm; but by order of the Board of directors, it is now in "working order" again.

Some of our doctors say that small pox is surely amongst us. They reason thus:—We have never seen small pox and this disease is unlike any we have ever seen; therefore, it must be small pox. Might it not be Ethiopian leprosy?

The pastor of the M. E. church at this place, the Rev. G. W. McInay, returned last week from a two week's vacation in Blair, Cambria and Center counties. He had his camera with him and took "snap shots" of places of interest to him.

SALUVIA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moore, of Palmyra, Nebraska, visited Mrs. R. A. Speer and family. Mr. Moore was a delegate to the G. A. R. encampment at Philadelphia.

John Hann claims to be the champion ground-hog hunter, he having killed five in one day.

Everyone is pleased with THE FULTON COUNTY NEWS. We all wish it abundant success.

M. R. Shaffner was circulating in our town one day last week.

James Sheets, wife and children, of Gramplon, are visiting Mrs. Sheets' father H. D. Betz, of Saluvia.

George H. Hann, who is employed at Davis, West Virginia, is spending a two weeks' vacation with relatives at this place.

Abram Evans of Callon, Ohio, and his brother Joseph, of Roaring Springs, were visiting their sister, Mrs. Joseph Sipes, of Licking Creek, last week.

Born, Saturday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Mott, of Saluvia, a daughter.

Observe the change in time for opening evening services at the M. E. church: Epworth League at 6 o'clock; preaching services at 7:00, and prayer-meeting at 7:30 instead of 7:30 as heretofore.

PERSONAL.

HON. D. H. PATTERSON, is quite sick at his home at Webster Mills.

MISS MATTIE SMITH, of Mount Carroll, Illinois, who had been visiting the family of Ex-Sheriff Sipes, left for home on Monday.

MR. W. F. STOUTEAGLE and little daughters Nettie and Mary, and nephew Amos H. Stoutengale, all of this place, spent a few days with the family of Dr. Hanks at Rays Hill. They returned Tuesday.

EDITOR A. C. MCKIBBIN, the versatile editor of the Mercersburg Journal, spent a day or two on this side of the mountain this week.

MR. J. FRANK SHEELY, of Mercersburg, has accepted a position as compositor on the Fulton Republican. Mr. Sheely has worked on some of the best papers in the state, and is a good all 'round fellow.

MR. JOHN S. HARRIS, of Saluvia, spent Wednesday in town.

MISS LEB V. HESS, of this place, the only lady of the county who has the distinction of serving three years as president of a school board, left last Saturday for an indefinite visit among friends in Adams county.

MISS ELLA SHIMER, of Frankford, returned to the city last Monday after a two weeks' vacation, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Shimer, of this place.

DR. JOHN W. MOSSER, of Claysburg, Blair county, has located permanently in McConnellsborg. The Doctor is a son of Mr. George Mosser, and a grandson of Mr. John Mosser who at one time owned and resided on the Fields farm near this place.

MISS ELEANOR MCKIBBIN is visiting the family of Editor Taylor of the Fulton Republican this week.

W. A. BLACK, of Kenwood Park, Iowa, recently visited the family of Hon. John M. Fore, of Knobsville, and other friends in that vicinity.

MRS. MARTIN MELIUS, of Virginia, is visiting the family of J. C. Tice at Knobsville.

D. EDWARD FORE, of Knobsville, has been tendered a position as traveling salesman for the large dry goods and notion house of S. M. Hartman, York, Pa.

MRS. JOHN A. SNYDER is visiting friends in this place.

MESSRS. FRANK and Chas. Duffey spent last Sunday with Miss Nell Stoner, of Sylvan.

MRS. S. M. COOK and daughter, attended the S. S. Convention in Little Cove last week.

MISS JENNIE KUHN and Master Edmond Kerper, left Monday morning for their home in Cincinnati.

CAPT. and MRS. GEO. W. SKINNER arrived home on Monday from Uniontown S. O. School, where they attended the wedding of Supt. John Waters and Miss Mary Banks. Miss Elizabeth Patterson was maid of honor.

HON. and MRS. W. SCOTT ALEXANDER, of this place, left for Gettysburg Tuesday morning. Mr. Alexander will attend the Fall meeting of presbytery which is being held in that place this week.

MISS DIX ROBINSON left on Tuesday morning in response to a telegram from Dr. Will Robinson, to accept a very desirable position in Philadelphia.

D. B. MUMMA, one of Taylor township's congenial citizens, was in McConnellsborg, Monday.

MR. and MRS. W. J. MUMMA and their precocious little son Roy, of Jeanette, Pa., are visiting Mr. Mumma's old home in Taylor township. He has a lucrative position at Jennette; and he says business in that section of the State is in a most prosperous condition.

MR. C. O. DENISAR, of this place, leaves this morning for Cameron, Illinois. Charlie is a good, industrious boy and we predict success for him in his new home. Of course he will receive the Fulton County News each week "C. O. D."

MR. BURTON TROXEL, of Macomb City, Mississippi, spent last Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. William Bishop, of this place. Mr. Troxel is an expert telegraph operator, but at present holds a position as passenger conductor over a railroad line running from his home to New Orleans. He has traveled extensively in Europe and Mexico, and has been in everyone of the United States but three—Florida, Alabama and Oklahoma. The brother and sister had not seen each other for fifteen years.

W. LOGAN SLOAN and Daniel F. Trout left on Monday to attend the wedding of Dr. N. C. Trout and Miss Margaret Marshall, at Fairfield, Adams county.

MRS. S. M. COOK and Miss Bess Trout favored the News office with their presence, Monday afternoon.

JANES A. McDONOUGH, of New Grenada, spent Monday night in McConnellsborg.

GEORGE FRAKER, one of the members of the hustling lumber firm of Fraker Brothers, Fort Littleton, was down at Webster Mills, Monday.

MR. and MRS. PETER KIRK left Monday morning for Philadelphia where they will select their fall goods and see the wonders of the exposition.

MRS. GEO. W. SEYLER and Miss MAMIE McDONOUGH, of Hancock, Md., were visitors to our town on Monday.

A. U. NACE, our enterprising merchant tailor, left for Philadelphia this morning to add to his stock all the very latest things in cloths and men's furnishings generally.

PROF. and MRS. J. B. RUNYAN, and their two children, Russell and Josephine, visited in Shippensburg during the past week.

MR. ELIJAH H. CLINE, of St. Paris, Ohio, who formerly of this county, is in New York City this week. He expects to witness the big Dewey parade Saturday. By the way, we notice that rooms in Fifth avenue houses are being rented at from \$50 to \$400, and single seats and windows on that thoroughfare cost \$15 to \$20. Stand seats on Fifth avenue and on Fifty-ninth street average about \$5 each.

S. W. KIRK, Esq., spent from Saturday until Monday among friends in Taylor.

Our good friend Philip Snyder of Todd township, dropped in to extend a kindly greeting to the News office force Tuesday.

MR. JOHN W. FIELDS, Director Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, Stillwater, Okla., is spending a few days with his father, Mr. D. T. Fields of this place. John's many friends here are always delighted to extend to him a hearty welcome to his old home.

MISS JENNIE E. COOPER, who was visiting her mother, Mrs. Eliza J. Cooper, returned to Chicago on Saturday last. We are glad to state that Mrs. Cooper, who has been in bad health, is much improved.

GEORGE W. REISSNER, who was in the East purchasing goods, returned Tuesday night. He has made a large and fine selection of goods that are already arriving and being opened up.

MR. and MRS. GEO. M. EITEMILLER, accompanied by their son Floyd, have been spending the past week visiting Mr. Eitemiller's mother, Mrs. Catharine Eitemiller of this place. Mr. Eitemiller holds a very responsible and lucrative position with the W. U. Telegraph Company. His wife is a daughter of the late Rev. H. B. Winton, a former pastor of the Lutheran church of this place. By the way, in mentioning the Winton family, four of its members have died within the past four years—Rev. Winton, April 1896; Frank, November, 1896; Horace, November, 1898; and Mrs. Winton, August of this year.

PERSONALS clipped from the Everett Republican: Miss Allie Irwin, of Washington, D. C., who has been visiting at the home of her aunts, the Misses Michael, on Main street, returned to her home on Thursday of last week.—Mrs. G. W. Mellott, of Crafton, Allegheny county, arrived unexpectedly in Everett on Saturday evening on a visit to her parents and other friends at the old home.—Dr. F. S. Campbell, of Hopewell, accompanied by his brother, Dr. R. B. Campbell, and Mr. J. A. McDonough, of New Grenada, registered at the Union Hotel, in this place on last Friday.—Miss Jessie Wishart, of Pittsburg, passed through Everett on last Saturday, on her way to the home of her parents at Harrisonville, Fulton county.

MR. SAMUEL HESS of Deadwood, S. D. is home for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hess, of Thompson township. He was in town on Thursday.

WILLIAM H. HESS, who has had an extended trip along the Pacific coast was in McConnellsborg Thursday.

JAMES E. STEWART, of Wells is in town to-day.

H. C. SMITH, of this place, is in the city this week purchasing a complete line of reasonable goods.

MISS EMILY GREATHHEAD, of this place, left last Tuesday for a few days' visit with friends in Harrisburg.

W. R. SPEER, Saluvia's popular young merchant, was in town Wednesday.

COL. THOMAS S. MOOREHEAD, president of the Tuscarora Valley Railroad Company, spent last Thursday and Friday in this place on business.

DR. NICK C. TROUT, of Fairfield Adams county, who was married on Wednesday to Miss Margaret Marshall, of that place, reached McConnellsborg with his bride this afternoon, and will remain a few days at the old home. THE NEWS extend congratulations to the happy young couple, and wishes them a prosperous, and long life.

OSCAR MOORE and wife, of Nebraska, are visiting relatives and friends in this county at present.